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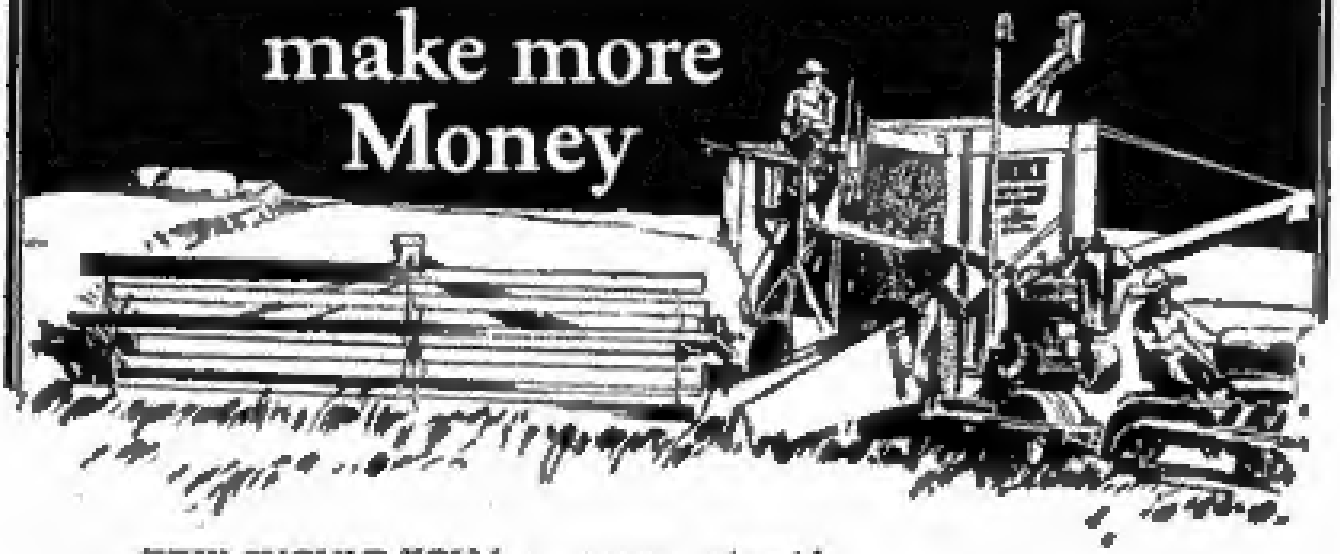

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EDITORIAL

FEDERAL AFFAIRS

In this issue we publish the first of a series of articles on proceedings in the Dominion Parliament by U.F.A. members of the House of Commons. While Provincial affairs will continue to be given prior consideration so long as the session of the Alberta Legislature lasts, we intend to devote a portion of our space to Federal matters. "U.F.W.A." who will present "A Woman's View of Parliament" in articles to be published not less frequently than twice a month, contributes the first on this theme in the current number.

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A portion of the Eastern press, particularly the *Ottawa Citizen*, which is more closely in touch with Parliamentary affairs, owing to its position in the capital, than most Canadian newspapers, has commented in several recent issues on the excellent work which is being done by U.F.A. members in the House of Commons during the present session. Contributions to the debates by Alberta members have been important, but as despatches to the Western dailies are necessarily somewhat abbreviated, we would urge all our readers who are interested in Federal affairs to subscribe to the official stenographic record, which is known as "Hansard." Subscriptions should be forwarded to the King's Printer, Ottawa. The price is $2.00 for the session.

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Federal issues which affect in a very close way the interests of the people on the farms were discussed at the Annual Convention of the U.F.A. The discussion of these issues has now been transferred to the floor of the House of Commons.

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BETTER SEED

With a view to bringing about an improvement in the average quality of the seed grain used in Alberta, a "Better Seed Committee" has been set up by the Provincial Minister of Agriculture, consisting of representatives of the Provincial Department, the Dominion Seed Branch, the Canadian Seed Growers' Association, the Alberta Seed Growers' Association, the University of Alberta and the C.P.R. Agricultural Department. The committee, which is working in conjunction with the U.F.A. Locals, the Wheat Pool, and various other organizations, is performing a useful and needful work in drawing attention to the necessity for the exercise of the greatest care in seed selection, and the use as far as possible of the best quality of seed during the coming season.

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AN IMPORTANT MEASURE

The bill given second reading in the Legislature last week, providing for the setting up of a board of four members which may direct the sterilization of a patient of a mental hospital when discharge of the patient is contemplated, is in some respects the most important measure which has been brought before the Assembly. It marks a radical departure from tradition.

It is all to the good that the members of a deliberative body should turn aside from questions ordinarily considered "political" to consider a problem in genetics, to consult authorities in human science, to think in terms of quality of the future citizenship of this Province. It is all to the good, also, that the discussion should be thorough, that the members should proceed with the utmost caution along a path which in this country is untrodden. There can be no legitimate place for "party" alignments in a matter touching so closely the individual consciences.

It cannot fairly be said that time has not been given for the public to acquaint itself with the provisions of the bill, of which Mr. Hoadley is sponsor, though it may be questioned whether public opinion has been crystallized on the subject. The bill was introduced last session but not taken beyond the second reading. The Minister properly expressed a wish that its provisions should be thoroughly considered. It was not intended that the bill should be enacted before a sufficient period had elapsed for that purpose. Since the bill was drafted its provisions have been inquired into

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NEWS OF THE ORGANIZATION

Activities of Locals and District Associations and Information from Central Office—Notes on Co-operation

Use of Improved Seed Grain Urged

Seed of Inferior Quality Will Not Produce Most Profitable Crop

(By Dept. of Agriculture, Edmonton)

The use of better quality seed grain by farmers throughout the Province this spring is being urged in order to maintain the high standard which Alberta crops have established in the past. Lack of care in the selection of seed, with the consequent lowering in the quality of the crop produced, will very soon reduce the demand for Alberta wheat on the markets of the world and correspondingly lower the prices received by the grower.

The remedy for this situation is largely in the hands of the individual farmer. The man who sows weed seeds with his grain has himself to blame for the lowered grading he will receive for his crop at the elevator and the dockage imposed. Seed drill surveys conducted in the Province by the Dominion Seed Branch indicate that the average seed put into the ground grades "rejected" according to legal standards as to the number of weed seeds present. The thorough use of the fanning mill on all seed grain will help the present and future crops by checking the spread of weed seeds which use valuable plant food.

If a farmer is not in a position to purchase registered seed, which can be secured from the Provincial Seed Cleaning Plant at Edmonton, he can at least use a high quality of commercial seed of one of the varieties of recognized merit. This is especially important in the case of wheat, as a wide variation exists among varieties as to their suitability for milling purposes. Seed of mixed varieties cannot yield the product demanded by millers.

CONCERT NETS $250

The annual concert and dance of Delia U.F.A. Local netted nearly $250. R. Selkirk, Gordon Edgley, F. Courser, the little Misses Simpson, Misses Ruby Edgley and Edna Schatz, Frankie Moore, Mrs. Gardner, Mrs. L. Howarth, Misses D. Walker, Ada Lees, Wilda Fullar, Messrs. R. Armstrong, Harold Lee and B. Crawshaw, contributed to an interesting program of songs, dances, and readings. Mr. Limpert gave a short address on the work of the U.F.A. and N. Burke, chairman, also spoke briefly. The concert was followed by lunch and dancing.

GRAND MEADOW BANQUET

"Eighty persons sat down to tables filled with all the good things our Grand Meadow women are noted for cooking," writes J. W. Auten, secretary, in a report of the Grand Meadow U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. annual meeting and banquet. "After the supper, our delegates, Mr. and Mrs. A. Elofson, gave their very interesting reports." A short program included a piano solo by Miss Allbright, and dancing by the young daughters of Mr. and Mrs. J. Kaadie and Mr. and Mrs. R. Carter. An address by R. Haskins, president of Westling Local, on "Why Do I Belong to the U.F.A.?" was greatly enjoyed.

AITKEN'S MEETINGS IN RIBSTONE

Meetings will be addressed in the Ribstone Constituency, by A. F. Aitken, U.F.A. Director for Battle River as follows:

Stettler, Mon., Mar. 5, 2 p.m.
Provost, Tues., Mar. 6, 2 p.m.
Ferry Hill, Wed., Mar. 7, 2 p.m.
Eyo Hill, Thurs., Mar. 8, 2 p.m.
May Pole, Fri., Mar. 9, 4 p.m.
Sulphur Springs, Sat., Mar. 10, 2 p.m.

To Enlarge Area of Pincher Creek Co-op.

At the annual meeting of the Pincher Creek Co-operative Association, a resolution was unanimously adopted to enlarge the district covered by the association by taking in Cowley and Lundbreck districts. S. Lunn reported on behalf of the Hay and Seed committee, on the sales made. S. H. Smith gave an account of the turkeys handled, while L. C. Bonerts reported for the livestock committee, urging that more support be given to this branch. A committee was appointed to go into the matter of installing machinery to handle the hay in the association's warehouse, and another committee to give assistance in the matter of handling livestock. E. G. Cook, M.L.A., was in the chair.

HANDLED SEED AND FEED

East Clover Bar Local closed the year 1927 with a cash balance of $60, states M. L. Reynolds, secretary, adding: "During the year, with the co-operation of N. D. McMillan, elevator agent, we handled 8 carloads of seed and feed; and Stanley Uren and Geo. Ottewell collected orders for a car of twine, which we disposed of to the farmers.

"During the winter the U.F.W.A. and U.F.A. have held their meetings in the same house, in separate rooms, and after the meetings the ladies serve lunch."

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22—Olds U.F.A.	10.00
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To Address Meetings in E. and W. Calgary

Itinerary of Mrs. L. Louise Scholefield and S. J. Ewing

Mrs. L. Louise Scholefield, U.F.W.A. Director for East and West Calgary and S. J. Ewing, U.F.A. Director for East and West Calgary will address public meetings at the following points in the interests of the U.F.A. and the Pools:

Monday, March 5, Airdrie, 8 p.m.
Tuesday, March 6, Crossfield, 2 p.m.
Wed., March 7, Seibertville, 2 p.m.
Wed., March 7, Carstairs, 8 p.m.
Thursday, March 8, Cremona, 2 p.m.
Friday, March 9, Dog Pound, 2 p.m.
Sat., March 10, Cochrane, 2 p.m.
Mon., March 12, Brushy Ridge, 2 p.m.
Mon., March 12, Springbank, 8 p.m.
Wed., March 14, Beddington, 8 p.m.
Thurs., March 15, Conrich, 8 p.m.
Friday, March 16, Glenmore, 8 p.m.
Monday, March 19, Dalroy, 8 p.m.
Tuesday, March 20, Shepard, 8 p.m.

If there is no Local (active) or if the secretary is absent will some U.F.A. member kindly see that these meetings are properly advertised, and arrangements made for a meeting place?

If a social event, or any local talent, can be arranged to furnish music it will be found that a larger crowd of young people may be secured in this way.

As Mrs. Scholefield, U.F.W.A. Director, is to be present and address the meeting, will you please endeavor to have as many of the farm women present as possible.

Trusting that all sympathetic to the organization will do everything possible to make these meetings a success.

Yours fraternally,

S. J. EWING,
Director.

Calgary, Alta.

WOODBEND REORGANIZED

"Farmers of Woodbend have neglected a portion of their public business for over a year by allowing the U.F.A. Local to lose membership," states a correspondent, "but at a recent meeting at the home of R. J. Masson the Local was reorganized. Although we are only six candle power, each member is a reflector. The farmers generally are in favor of united effort. The Wheat Pool and its operations are held in very high esteem by the community, as well as the other Pools, and there is every reason to believe that the membership of the Local will reach its normal strength in the near future. All offices have been filled and a committee appointed to make inquiry concerning rural mail delivery."

WETASKIWIN FEDERAL C.A.

In a letter to the Locals in the Federal constituency of Wetaskiwin, Mrs. Winnifred Ross, the retiring secretary, at the request of the new secretary, Mrs. E. E. Sparks, of Brightview, asks that all dues and donations to the Constituency Association should in future be sent direct to the U.F.A. Central Office. This is to avoid duplication of work, as all funds

used in any way for political purposes must pass through the hands of the Association incorporated for that purpose. Mrs. Ross stresses the need for all Locals to bring their membership up to full strength, and states that the officers will be willing to give all possible assistance upon request.

BOW RIVER DUES 50 CENTS

Bow River U.F.A. Federal Constituency dues for 1928 have been set at 50 cents.

KIEW ANNUAL MEETING

At the annual meeting of Kiew Local the following officers were elected: F. Samvil, president; Harry Dehid, vice-president and D. Yoskow, secretary.

PLAN DEBATING SOCIETY

In order to arouse interest among the members and others of the community, Rosyth U.F.A. Local is endeavoring to form a debating and literary society.

BOW ISLAND CARD PARTY

More than 250 people attended the card party and dance given by Bow Island U.F.A. Local in the U.F.A. Hall. Mrs. I. D. James and R. Calder won the prizes.

TO HOLD SOCIAL EVENING

The Calgary U.F.A. Local have arranged to hold a social evening in Penley's Academy, Calgary, on Tuesday, March 13th. Members of Locals in the district are invited to attend.

EXPECT INCREASED MEMBERSHIP

"We are hoping to show a greatly increased membership over 1927," writes N. V. Fearnehough, secretary of Morrin Local. "I can safely say that the U.F.A. spirit in this district is just as good now as it has ever been."

SCIENCE MOUND LOCAL

The Science Mound U.F.A. Local met recently at the home of D. J. McKay, when a social evening was spent with music and recitations following the routine business. Members decided to ask the merchants of Donalda to purchase Raymond sugar, as this is an Alberta product, and it was stated that the quality is at least as good as that of cane sugar.

ADDRESS ON "AVIATION"

Lieut. W. H. McCardell ("Wings" of the *Calgary Herald*), gave a most interesting address on "Aviation" at the regular meeting of the Calgary U.F.A. Local held in the public library, Calgary, on February 16th. A hearty vote of thanks to the speaker was carried at the close of the meeting. S. J. Ewing occupied the chair prior to the arrival of Guy W. Johnson, the vice-president, who had been delayed.

BINGLEY OFFICERS

The annual meeting of Bingley U.F.A. Local was held recently, there being a fairly good attendance of members. The following officers were appointed for 1928: President, R. W. Hilbert; Vice-President, Sig. Sande; Directors: W. Kirkham, E. Laragard, J. Frost, M. Miller and A. Sande. Sec-Treas., R. D. Meston.

After the business meeting, refreshments were served and an enjoyable program of songs and recitations given by various members and non-members.

R. D. MESTON,
Secretary.

Committee Set Up On Co-operative Marketing

As the outcome of the recent conference in Calgary between representatives of the U.F.A., the Alberta Government and the four Co-operative Marketing Pools, the following committee, consisting of members nominated by the organizations concerned, has been set up, to deal with plans for the advancement of co-operative marketing in this Province:

U.F.A.: H. E. G. H. Scholefield, A. F. Aitken, J. A. Johansen.

Alberta Government: Premier Brownlee, Hon. R. G. Reid, Hon. George Hoadley.

Wheat Pool: J. J. Strang.

Livestock Pool: M. A. MacMillan.

Dairy Pool: N. S. Carter.

Poultry Pool: D. M. Mallo.

Committee on Consumers' Co-operation

The U.F.A. members of the committee on Consumers' Co-operation will consist of Messrs. Scholefield, Aitken and Johansen. The names of the three members to be nominated by the Alberta Co-operative League have not yet been received.

REDDINGTON'S ACTIVE YEAR

Reddington Local U.F.A. had a successful and active year during 1927. The officers were all re-elected for 1928. During 1927 the Local purchased for its members 430 tons of coal and 4,300 fence posts. The regular meetings have been fairly well attended and topics of interest discussed. A debate, concert and dance held February 10th, 1928, filled the U.F.A. Hall to capacity and the committee in charge were well pleased.

W. H. EVANS,
Secretary.

STETTLER-WARDEN DINNER

A large crowd attended the annual dinner given by Stettler and Warden U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. Locals in Stettler recently. J. S. Brooks was chairman, and addresses were given by R. Price, C. L. Willis and Major Blair. Mrs. Sandy Stewart sang, "Ye Banks and Braes", which was much enjoyed. Mrs. S. Rufenacht and J. A. Adshead gave full reports of the Annual Convention.

GOOD PROGRESS AT GRAMINIA

Good progress is being made by Graminia Local, writes Mrs. Jno. O'Gorman, secretary. "Our membership roll now shows 27 paid up members, with prospects of a further increase during 1928. We have adopted the system of social entertainment after our regular monthly meetings, which I feel will prove very successful." A. Latimer was elected president for 1928, and Jas. Cole vice-president.

A SUGGESTION FROM FAWCETT U.F.A. LOCAL

In forwarding a contribution of $5 to the St. Albert Appeal Fund, John L. Pumphrey, secretary of Fawcett Local, writes: "This is 25 cents per paid up member, and I would like to suggest that if this were done throughout the Province there would be ample funds to clear this obligation."

SUCCESSFUL MASQUERADE

"A very successful masquerade dance was held on February 10th," writes H. Goldfinch, secretary of Chain Lakes Local. "This, together with the fact that we have purchased $300 worth of goods co-operatively so far this year, thereby saving the members around $75, keeps interest keen in the organization in this district." E. H. Cole and J. C. Schultz were elected president and vice-president, respectively, at the annual meeting.

EAGLE HILL ANNUAL MEETING

At the annual meeting of Eagle Hill Local, K. Ronneberg, J. E. Van Schmidt, and Mrs. O. Arneson were re-elected to office. Following the business meeting about 60 persons sat down to a dainty chicken supper served by the ladies. Progressive whist occupied the rest of the evening and Miss Winnie Jones and S. Ronneberg were the winners. The report of the delegate to the Convention, Mrs. O. Arneson, was the chief feature of the second meeting of the year; this meeting closed with a dance.

MUCH REMAINS TO BE DONE

"Much remains to be done before rural life provides the all-round type of living under which people develop their best characteristics and achieve their legitimate ambitions," declared E. Herbert Spencer, president of McCafferty Local, in his annual address. "Times are better, it is true, but the farmer must not live in a fool's paradise. Many overhead expenses have risen 100 per cent since wheat sold at 50 cents; so that, comparatively speaking, the farmer is no better off unless he can increase his yield or cut his interest rate. . . . As tillers of the soil our interests are common, and if we cannot see clearly the work that should be done, we must meet and discuss with the intention of finding out how best we can add our small deblet of effort to the main stream."

COL. ROBINSON WINS DEBATE

About 300 people attended the debate held by Rowley Local when Col. Robinson of Munson spoke in defence of the Wheat Pool, Mr. Pennenbecker, of Rowley, being in opposition. The judges were Messrs. Oliver, of Morrin, and Farquharson, of Dalis. S. R. Hooper was chairman.

Col. Robinson described the adverse conditions prevailing before the war, the work of the Wheat Board instituted during the war, and the inauguration of the Wheat Pool. The affairs of the Pool were under control of the members, he said, and it had met with most wonderful success. Mr. Pennenbecker doubted whether the present improved prices were due to the Pool. The Pool idea had been tried in the States, and a number of Pools there had failed. More attention should be given to efficiency on the farms.

The unanimous decision of the judges in favor of the affirmative was received with hearty applause.

After the debate the company engaged in a most enjoyable dance, the musicians being Mrs. W. F. Richardson, and W. C. White, of Rowley orchestra and Messrs. Walrod, of Rumsey. A beautiful tray, donated to the Rowley Local by Mrs. G. H. Farquharson realized the handsome sum of $16.75, the total proceeds of the evening exceeding $100.

The halls served an excellent supper free.

"Indications are," writes S. R. Hooper, secretary, "that the farm people are solidly behind the movement and may be relied upon to support the aims and ideals of the U.F.A. on every occasion. Several new memberships were obtained at the meeting and others promised. Watch Rowley Local grow in 1928 under the guidance of President A. J. Russell and our veteran secretary, Mr. W. H. Baldwin."

DON'T BE STAMPEDED!

A warning to farmers and owners of oil rights, perpetual and otherwise, not to be stampeded into disposing of their lands to companies desiring to procure same for drilling, is given by A. J. A. Bell, Crude Creek, Okotoks, in a recent letter. Mr. Bell suggests that farmers should get together, "join forces by pooling their holdings, commence a drilling program that would have as its objective the producing of petroleum and by-products, and placing them on the market as required, and thus overcome the undesirable condition known as overproduction."

The oil fields should be developed, says Mr. Bell, in the interests of the Province. Farmers should be the first to benefit, as they need cheaper fuel oils for their tractors. "I do not advocate throwing it away, so to speak. What we must aim at in everything we handle, whether it is the farmer or manufacturer, is a just price for all things men use—thus bringing about honest trading."

INVALID CHAIR

An invalid chair, the property of the Central Organization, will be loaned to any member needing the use of it. Anyone requiring the chair is asked to make application through the Local U.F.A. or U.F.W.A. This chair was purchased a few years ago in response to a request for an invalid in destitute circumstances and has now been returned to Central office.

TOFIELD WHIST DRIVE

Forty tables were occupied at the whist drive held by Tofield U.F.A. Local on February 18th, when Mrs. W. Ingram, Mrs. McGinnis, L. C. Hay and Guy Walker were the prize winners.

GOOD REASON

Jim—I think I will have to get a new car.

Will—What's wrong with the one you have?

Jim—I can't pay for it.—*Life.*

NEW U.F.A. LOCALS

MYRTLE HILL LOCAL

Myrtle Hill Local was organized recently, in the Kitscoty district. Geo. E. Fickles is the secretary.

SPRING PARK LOCAL

J. Keller, L. L. Smith and O. C. Graves are the elected officers of Spring Park Local, organized recently at Spring Park.

"HARMONY" LOCAL

"Harmony" was the name chosen for a new Local near Athabasca. Mr. Fred Evans, organizer in charge, was elected president, and Alex. S. Jamieson is the secretary.

SPRING VALLEY LOCAL

South of Jarrow, a new Local to be known as Spring Valley Local, was organized recently with 16 paid up members. Wm. Cowley, T. A. O'Neil, and J. A. Waite were elected president, vice-president, and secretary respectively. "Prospects are good for a community hall to be built at a central point," states Mr. Waite.

Problems of Federal Fiscal Policy

Has Public Debt Been Lowered or Increased?—How Reduction of Income Tax Stands in Way of Tariff Reduction.

By D. F. KELLNER, M.P.

Again Parliament has been presented with the Budget. A reduction in taxation is provided for, estimated to save $19,000,000 and a claim of a net reduction in debt of $38,000,000; the other outstanding feature being another reduction of 10 per cent in income taxation. Reduction in tax on corporations from 8.1 per cent to 8 per cent, a reduction of 25 per cent or from 4 per cent to 3 per cent in sales tax; also some tariff reductions and re-classifications covering cottons, woollens and textiles; printing and publishing, fruit and horticulture, fishing, roadmaking, aviation and mechanics' tools, with a further proviso that in future the British preference will only apply when there is at least 50 per cent English labor and material as against 25 per cent at present.

QUESTION OF THE NATIONAL DEBT

On former occasions, the main debate settled around the tariff. This year, however, other things seem to supersede that issue. The claim of a reduction in the national debt is probably receiving more attention than any other. The point at issue is whether the deficits of C.N.R. met by an issue of railway bonds, guaranteed by the Government, should be included in our national debt or not. During the regime of the Union Government and while Mr. Fielding was Minister of Finance in the Liberal Government, the practice of including such issues was always followed. Since that time, however, a change in bookkeeping has been made and these issues are endorsed by the Government, and charged to railway account. According to the method of bookkeeping presently followed by the Government, the national debt has been decreased by some $118,000,000. Using the other system and accepting a bond endorsed and guaranteed by the Government as a national liability, our public accounts will show an increase in the national debt of $45,000,000 since the present administration came into power.

Other matters enter the debate, such as the claim that our loudly vaunted prosperity is confined to commercial and financial enterprises, but has not reached our agriculturists and laborers. Attention is drawn to the emigration of our native-born Canadians to the United States, and the argument seeks to settle—whether that emigration is caused by the fiscal policy of the Government or by the allurement of southern skies.

D. F. KELLNER, M.P.

No debate, however, could long endure without the tariff entering, but this year it is assuming a different tone. Formerly such debate advanced the advantages of low tariff versus high or adequate protection. This year, it is being repeatedly pointed out that our tariff remains the same, regardless of which party is in power.

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM EITHER PARTY

While discussing reductions in the tariff, there are a few facts that should be kept in mind, as an indication of what we may expect from either or both parties. When speaking on the address in reply to the speech from the throne, D. M. Kennedy placed on Hansard a statement showing the per cent of duties collected by Conservatives and by Liberals during the periods each of them have had control of the Government. Summed up it amounts to this:

Conservatives in Power	Liberals in Power
1888-1897	1898-1912
1913-1922	1922-1926

When the Conservatives were in power they collected on dutiable imports 24.4 per cent and on total 17.2 per cent.

When the Liberals were in power they collected on dutiable imports 26.6 per cent and on total 16.4 per cent.

INCOME TAX REDUCTION PREVENTS TARIFF REDUCTION

It will be seen that actual practice has given practically the same tariff rate, whether the Government was a low tariff Liberal or a high tariff Conservative. When speaking on the present budget a

day or two ago, Alfred Speakman pointed out that the reductions in direct taxation, particularly the income tax provided for in this budget, precluded any possibility in tariff reduction, because revenue could not be obtained from any other source. Remembering that nearly 75 per cent of the members of the House of Commons were elected on a low tariff platform, one is brought to a realization of the power that those opposed to tariff reduction must wield over any Government, of whatever party in control at Ottawa.

No section of the country has so persistently advocated low tariff as the Province of Saskatchewan, followed closely by Manitoba and Alberta. It will be interesting to see what support is given the present budget by the members from those Provinces, as beyond a doubt, the element of protection is actually increased in the budget now before Parliament.

Various Bills Dealt With by Assembly

Licensing of Real Estate, Interpretations Act and Lightning Rods Among Matters of Legislation

Among bills dealt with by the Legislature is one to provide for the licensing of real estate agents and real estate salesmen. A new definition of the words "real estate agents" will be considered by the Minister in response to a demand by Lorne Proudfoot, Acadia, that the terms of the act might apply to an executor or trustee or an individual who might have to dispose of some land for a neighbor, and the receipt of a fee for this would make that one liable.

There was quite a fight on the inclusion of the word "incompetency" as one of the failings which would render a real estate dealer liable for damages. The word was too indefinite and was deleted.

L. A. Giroux moved that clauses covering a graduated scale of fees from $10.00 in a city of 5000 or more; $7.50 in a city of less than 5000; $5.00 in any other part of the Province; and $3.00 for a real estate salesman, be struck out to make the clauses uniform. Mrs. Irene Parlby pointed out that while a city dealer could operate in any part of the Province, the smaller town agent could not operate in the city. For that reason she opposed the amendment. It was put and lost.

RIGHT OF APPEAL TO BE GIVEN

The right of appeal from the decision of the Superintendent in the case of one who had been refused, or had his license revoked or suspended, to the Minister direct was approved of. Mr. Weaver thought that one who was desirous of being reinstated should advertise in some way the fact that he was applying for reinstatement. The Minister in charge, George Hoadley, in the absence of R. G. Reid, thought that perhaps the principle of reinstatement was not a good one, as it was hardly likely that any license would be revoked without good reason. The clause was stood over.

On the interpretations act, which is to make clear the meaning of certain words and phrases as found within the statutes of Alberta, members spent a half hour or so determining the question of when a notice served on anyone is deemed to be served. Some said it was impossible to solve such a question unless such service was sent by registered mail. The Attorney General had a long wrangle with the members to get the idea across that the clauses governing this were only meant to deal with cases in acts where no registration was specified but which referred only to ordinary mail.

The measure to deal with the devolution of real property of deceased persons did not take long to slip through Committee, simply because there is really only one new principle involved. Mr. Weaver asked if there was any new principle involved, and the Attorney General answered that this bill was merely a codification of the law insofar as the law could be ascertained. This brought Mr. Parkyn to his feet wanting to know if the law was so mysterious that no one knew anything about it. The new principle is to allow executors to sell or mortgage the estate to pay certain debts such as taxes.

WHEN IS A LIGHTNING ROD?

When is a lightning rod? That was the question on the bill to bond and license persons providing or installing lightning rods. The bill had been designed not on account of anything in the principle of lightning rods, but because of faulty erection or unsuitable material. The work necessitated under the bill would be supervised by the Fire Commissioner, and it would not be necessary to appoint inspectors all over the Province. The cost would be light and the tax of 20 cents per hundred dollars worth of business would carry the administration. The intention was to outline a standard specification for making and erecting rods, and the licensee would be required to furnish a copy of the act to every purchaser for whom he installed rods together with a copy of standard specifications. He had also to furnish a certificate that the work was done in conformity with the act.

Penalties and fines are pretty stiff. How to convict is another matter.

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by a number of responsible and popular and important organizations, and opinions have been formed. Mr. Hoadley, as we know, himself has given the subject serious thought and study, and has encouraged others to do so.

It is possible, however, that the press (and this paper among others) has failed to fill its role adequately in bringing the nature of the proposed legislation to the notice of the general body of citizens. This could have been done without offense. British newspapers of the highest standing would not have hesitated to express their views upon a question of such a character, since they recognize that while expert opinion tempered by that of the great amateurs may give guidance, the import of legislation involving the curtailment of liberty, even for ends considered most desirable, should be thoroughly understood by the people. The members of a Legislature who have access to much information may be convinced of the desirability of a certain course, but when a new principle is involved, especially, legislation should be the carrying into effect of what Lord Haldane has described as the "General Will." Has the "General Will" as yet been evoked? Upon this point there may be room for doubt. We are not sure.

Subject to safeguards of the most complete character, and to the means of instituting the board being the most satisfactory possible, it would probably appear to most laymen that some step in the direction proposed may be wise. The increase in the number of cases of mental deficiency is apparently serious, and there seems to be a preponderance of scientific opinion, in favor of the proposal.

What is vitally important is an informed public opinion, and adequate safeguards. The decision to require unanimity before the exercise of the powers of the board is commendable. Two lay members are provided for. It is quite as important to have strong lay representation as medical representation, though for different reasons. For all members, the power which it is proposed to vest in the board is a serious trust. Those who share such a power over others require the moral delicacy and sensitiveness of a Galsworthy.

In some of the states to the south, notably in California, prior to the ruling of the supreme court, the power to deal with criminals in the way contemplated in Alberta only for certain mental cases, was unwarrantably given, and it has been reported that political offenders as well as other lawbreakers were dealt with in this penal way. While a lay opinion upon the subject of heredity is valueless, it is interesting to note that H. S. Jennings, professor of Zoology in Johns Hopkins University, contends that "there are few parents, at least among those not falling in the definitely pathological group, of whom it can be predicted that their children will be worthless. . . Students of heredity, like other men, are disposed to make the most of their achievements; to dwell upon what they know, what they can do, what they can predict. They have, indeed, achieved much; the last twenty-five years have made greater advances in the knowledge of heredity than had all the ages before. But recognition of limitations is as valuable as other sorts of knowledge; realization of what we cannot do is as necessary for correct guidance as realization of what we can do."

Alberta's Budget is Presented by the Provincial Treasurer in Legislative Assembly

Deficit of $215,980.33 Shows for Calendar Year 1927, Although Cash Receipts Exceed Expenditures by $57,778.80, and Would Have Shown This Surplus Under Old Method of Accounting—Estimated Surplus for 1928-29—Reid Reviews Alberta's Economic and Industrial Year

BELIEF CONFIDENCE

EDMONTON, Feb. 24.—Although cash receipts exceeded payments by the sum of $57,778.80 during the calendar year which ended December 31st, 1927, the interim public accounts presented in the Legislature today by Hon. R. G. Reid, Provincial Treasurer, show a deficit of $215,980.33, compared with an estimated surplus of $26,178.49.

On the basis of accounting methods in force up to the end of the year 1923, the excess of cash receipts over payments as indicated above would have been shown as a surplus. In accordance with the change made by the Government in that year, however, accounts payable, including accrued interest on debenture debt, are now charged against appropriations of the year in which the liability is incurred, irrespective of the actual date of payment, the accounts of the Province being held open for the purpose.

"At the last session of the Legislature," said the Treasurer, "the fiscal year was changed to end March 31st instead of December 31st. Interim Public Accounts are being prepared for the twelve months ending December 31st, 1927, and the final accounts for the fiscal period ending March 31st, 1928, will be placed before you at the next session."

SURPLUS ESTIMATED FOR 1928-29

For the fiscal period 1928-29, the estimated revenue is $13,273,614.62, and the expenditure $13,262,259.70, leaving an estimated surplus of $11,354.92.

REDUCTION OF INDIVIDUAL INDEBTEDNESS

Mr. Reid reviewed the economic affairs of the Province for the past year. To him the fact that was outstanding, was the reduction of individual indebtedness throughout the Province. This process had been going on for three years, and it seemed to him that there was today more money in the hands of the farmers after meeting their current liabilities than perhaps in any previous year of the Province's history.

The continued success of the Wheat Pool, the increasing use of the western route, and the readjustment of freight rates had all contributed to the spirit of contentment. The question of freight rates had been viewed more in the light of the removal of an injustice than as a matter of dollars and cents.

"With all this," said the Minister, "I am doubtful if we have yet reached the crest of our immediate prosperity, since there are large quantities of grain from last year's harvest still unmarketed, and a considerable amount of capital has still to be released from the sale of livestock after the feeding period has been completed."

NO WARRANT FOR EXTRAVAGANCE

The Minister sounded the customary Scottish benediction when, after saying that the measure of prosperity achieved was legitimate ground for satisfaction, it did not justify extravagance in either public or private expenditure. "What has already been won at the cost of strenuous endeavor," he said, "can only be retained by the continued exercise of thrift. It is essential for the future well-being both of this Province and its citizens that new liabilities for non-essential things, which in themselves may be very desirable, should not be incurred until our financial position has become strong enough to assume the burden without overloading."

Revenue on Income account for 1927, Mr. Reid stated was $12,363,400.64, being $237,446.90 less than had been estimated. Expenditure amounted to $12,479,399.97, or $4,512.92 more than anticipated. That means the Treasury Department made a pretty good guess all round, although some of the items showed additional expenditures under special warrant, but sufficient under expenditures of appropriations from others to come within the $4,512.92 over expended.

Special Warrants covered such items as highway maintenance, hospitals commission, under the gasoline vendors' tax act, and miscellaneous.

Revenues showed a decrease insofar as the Dominion school lands fund is concerned, amounting to $60,434.82, and the population subsidy was $15,246.40 less than expected.

Miscellaneous revenues of the Department of Agriculture decreased by $66,288.97, and revenue from the mine owners tax showed a shrinkage of $160,148.26.

Municipal Affairs revenue decreased by $374,591.85, due to decreased collections of supplementary revenue, wild lands, and educational taxes.

Liquor profits realized $184,261.02 and Succession Duties $133,859.12 in excess of the Estimates.

Miscellaneous revenues of the Department of Education increased by $19,151.16.

Revenue of the Provincial Secretary's Department shows a general increase amounting to $48,712.62 arising principally from increased receipts from the sale of automobile licenses.

Accounts payable at December 31, 1927, were charged to the expenditure of that year. They amounted to $1,601,270.25 as compared with $1,327,511.12 at the end of the year 1926. By providing for these accounts the cash surplus $57,778.80, was changed to a deficit of $215,980.33.

Revenue collected in 1927 in respect of 1928 business amounted to $440,187.57 and was excluded from the 1927 accounts.

ALBERTA'S PUBLIC DEBT

"Passing on to the Public Debt, the year 1927 witnessed a continuance of the downward trend of interest rates," said Mr. Reid, "the average cost of permanent borrowings during the year being at the rate of 4.70 per cent. The yield basis of the several issues varied from 4.87 early in the year to 4.49 on our last issue toward the close of the year.

"I made the statement in my last year's Budget that there was every probability of our being able to borrow money on a 4½ per cent basis before long, and it is gratifying to know that we have already gone below that figure. I think we are safe in predicting that in the current year the average borrowing rate will be further reduced, and that

HON. R. G. REID

our average on this year's borrowings will not exceed a yield rate of 4.25 per cent.

"Total borrowings during the year 1927 amounted to $9,064,500.00, of which $6,339,508.00 together with sinking funds applicable thereto, was for refunding $5,500,000.00 debentures of the Province, maturing on July 1st, 1927, and $107,-197.86 for the purchase of £23,193, November 1st, 1943, registered stock, which has been cancelled.

The total net bonded debt as at December 31st, 1927, amounts to $87,976,-898.18, this being apportioned $66,032,-949.63 as to General Revenue and $21,-943,949.55 as to Telephones. The total net increase over the previous year is $2,567,292.36.

"The sinking funds of the Province have been maintained in accordance with established practice. All payments into the Sinking Fund under the Highways Act are at such a rate as will be sufficient together with accretions to redeem the debentures at maturity. On all other issues we have maintained the usual rate of one-half of one per cent per annum. The policy of refunding our loans as they mature on a long term basis is being adhered to as far as is expedient. Under this policy the practice of setting aside one half of one per cent annually produces a substantial reduction of the principal at maturity. The amount of funds in the Sinking Fund as at December 31st last was $2,913,358.17.

ALBERTA SAVINGS CERTIFICATES

"Supplementary to the statement of Bonded Debt was that of the sale of Savings Certificates. While the volume of business transacted in the Savings Certificates Branch during the past year was second only to the year 1920, the net amount of deposits is smaller than any year since 1923. The net amount on deposit as at December 31st last was $10,448,986.31, so that the total increase over the previous year amounted to only $339,938.98. The reduction in deposits during this period was due almost entirely to the change in the interest rate from 4½ percent to 4 per cent, which took place on July 1st, last.

The rate of over head expenses is still maintained at a low level, being .175 of 1 per cent. in 1927. This is a slight increase over the 1926 rate, which was .1596 of 1 per cent. The increased cost is due to the additional advertising necessary when the change of interest rates went into effect.

"In January, 1928, the net amount deposited was $356,064.47, indicating that the year 1928 will be an unusually active one for the Savings Certificates Branch.

SPECIAL INVESTMENT FUND

"The Special Investment Fund of the Treasury Department is still maintained as a profitable service. Last year the Treasurer was able to report a profit of $35,000 on the operation of this fund for the year 1926. During the year 1927 this fund had been particularly active, resulting in a profit of considerably more than twice that of 1926. The total income from this investment fund for the period ended December 31st, 1927, was $210,079.60. The profit on sales alone amounts to over $50,000 and the excess interest earnings over the cost of money employed accounted for another $80,000.-00.

"It will therefore be seen that this fund has justified the objects for which it was established. The aims of this fund are three fold: To provide securities in advance for the requirements of the Sinking Fund; To establish a reserve against Savings certificates outstanding; and to meet the necessity which occasionally arises of investing unemployed funds, until such time as they may be required.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

"The year 1926 and 1927 has been marked by new efforts on the part of the Province to investigate thoroughly the subject of taxation. To this end an Advisory Committee on Taxation was appointed in April, 1926. The report of this Committee has now been laid before the Assembly.

"This report is the result of almost two years of intensive work. While many of its conclusions may differ from accepted ideas, we shall only be able to approach the report in a spirit of critical analysis after exhaustive study of its material has been made. For this reason immediate action on the recommendations cannot be expected. From a cursory reading, however, it is evident that valuable data on taxation has been gathered from all available sources, and that the assembling and classifying material will be of inestimable value to the Governments of Canada.

"The results of this investigation will be welcomed by all students of taxation, since no previous attempt had been made locally to make a thorough study of taxation problems. The assembling of such a large amount of statistical material on the subject of taxation in this Province and in other Provinces of Canada, and in the United States will give coherence to our knowledge of, as well as stimulating further research into certain phases of the problem.

INTER-PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE

"The Inter-Provincial Conference which took place at Ottawa last year served a somewhat similar purpose, with the additional advantage that the taxation problems of each of the Provinces were freely discussed before the only body capable of bringing about action with respect to the re-alignment and re-adjustment of taxation as between the Provinces and Dominion; the beneficial results from this Conference are already beginning to be apparent. This Government, for the time being at least, is satisfied with the interest shown by the Dominion Government in our problems, and is confident too that action will be taken in the alleviation of some of the burdens which this Government contends should not be borne entirely by the people of this Province.

LOWEST TAXATION IN RELATION TO PRODUCTION

"In a recent study made by an independent institution with regard to Provincial taxation, it was disclosed that in the Provinces west of Quebec, Alberta has the lowest rate of taxation

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Summarized Comparative Statement of Estimated and Actual Revenue and Expenditure Income Account for the Year Ended December 31st, 1927

	Actual	Estimates	Less than Estimates	In excess of Estimates
REVENUE:				
Gen. of Counsel	$ 3,999,200.00	$ 3,973,944.20	$ 26,001.20	
Agric. Dept.	363,609.00	369,027.97	5,418.97	
Atty Gen'ls Dept.	3,873,041.36	3,365,140.00		[illegible]
Education Dept.	309,051.10	309,060.00		10,160.10
Exec. Council	104,472.03	296,955.00	192,482.97	
Legislation	2,303.87	3,424.00	1,120.13	
Mun. Affairs Dept.	1,096,088.14	1,081,300.00	276,484.00	
Prov. Secy's Dept.	4,130,788.00	3,972,973.00		48,712.00
Public Health Dept.	388,268.30	379,971.00		267.30
Public Works Dept.	68,779.70	66,400.00		1,379.70
Rys & Tel Dept., Rly. Br.	201.00	1,000.00	800.00	
Treasury Dept.	494,370.00	484,337.30		10,000.00
	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] (net)	
EXPENDITURE:				
Public Debt	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Executive Council	303,220.97	327,500.00		[illegible]
Legislation	193,372.37	187,367.30	5,005.10	
Agriculture Dept.	383,632.34	404,776.30		10,000.00
Atty. Gen.'s Dept.	1,534,120.34	1,533,301.00		19,000.34
Education Dept.	2,229,376.30	2,229,975.70	599.40	
Mun. Affairs Dept.	285,711.10	287,562.00	10,000.34	
Prov. Secretary's Dept.	71,027.70	68,329.40		10,027.70
Public Health Dept.	1,004,205.70	1,041,564.00		42,358.70
Public Works Dept.	1,309,753.34	1,315,004.00		13,979.34
Rys & Tel. Dept., Rly Br.	68,130.00	68,430.00		10,000.40
Treasury Dept.	207,313.34	209,679.30	6,300.34	
	[illegible]	[illegible]		$ 1,310.00 (net)
	Actual deficit	Estimated surplus	Deficit in excess of estimated surplus	
DEFICIT for the year 1927	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	

News from Alberta Wheat Pool Head Office

Information for Members and Leads Issued by the Department of Education and Publicity of the Alberta Wheat Pool.

BOW ISLAND LOCAL

A Wheat Pool Local has been organized at Bow Island, with Alfred Millar of Bow Island as the Secretary.

VULCAN WHEAT POOL LOCAL

A Wheat Pool Local has been organized at Vulcan, the secretary being E. K. Loomstrock.

DAIRY CO-OP HANDLINGS

Dairy products to the value of $640,000,000 were sold through co-operative associations in the United States in 1927.

DAKOTA POOL'S CAMPAIGN

The South Dakota Wheat Pool is planning on a campaign to sign up members under a new five-year agreement, as the 1927 crop is the last to be handled under the first series contract.

THIS IS IMPORTANT

Every grower should be impressed with the fact that every bushel of wheat sold by non-pool farmers makes it more difficult for Pool salesmen to get satisfactory prices. See that your neighbor signs up.

WHEN 1925-26 POOL ENDS

The first series Wheat Pool contracts end with the delivery of the 1927 crop. Whether a first series signer signs a second series contract or not he is bound to deliver to the Pool all the wheat from his 1927 crop.

SUGGESTING A SUBJECT

What would have happened wheat prices if the fifty million bushels sold by the Pool in the spring of 1927 had been sold in the fall of 1926? Dr. Magill, secretary of the Grain Exchange, might answer this question in his next address.

DIFFERENT THIS NOW

Since the Tobacco Pools have gone under the tobacco manufacturers have made greater dividends than ever before. They are not concerned over the growers any more—the stock-holders have the centre of the stage.

LAND O' LAKES BUSINESS

Business amounting to $46,315,079 was transacted by the Land o' Lakes Creameries, Inc., Minneapolis, during 1927. This is an increase of $6,463,423 over the figures for 1926. Land o' Lakes Creameries is one of the most successful co-operative institutions in the United States.

DR. BOOTH ON THE POOL

The experience of Canadian farmers in co-operative marketing of grain is set forth by J. F. Booth in Technical Bulletin No. 68, "Co-operative Marketing of Grain in Western Canada." This bulletin is comprehensive; it covers practically every phase of the movement.

POOLS DISORGANIZED—PRICE DOWN

It is true that the Dark Tobacco Pool and the Burley Tobacco Pool, operating in the great tobacco growing regions of the United States, have been disorganized, and it is also true that tobacco growers are suffering from low prices once again. The non-poolers rode on the backs of Pool members and now all the growers are in the frying pan.

POOL ESTABLISHED ITS CASE

There are various other minor subjects of criticism which have come to my notice, but the unsubstantiated claim that the Pool has not paid as high an average price as the grain trade, stands out prominently. This assertion has now been vigorously attacked by the Pools and a judicial weighing of the evidence so far submitted on both sides, inevitably leads one to the conclusion that the Pools have established their case clearly, and that the grain trade has utterly failed to show that the average Pool price was below their own.—*Farm and Ranch Review.*

GOT GOOD SERVICE

The following letter has been received from D. McGibbon, of Sunnynook:

"Enclosed you will find Wheat Pool contract for next five years. I have just finished hauling this year's crop of 5000 bushels to our elevator at Sunnynook, and must say I am well pleased with the service I have received from the Pool. I was unfortunate in losing a considerable number of grain checks in a fire which destroyed my house recently, and after notifying you of this loss it was immediately adjusted. Also, I feel the Pool officials were instrumental in raising the grade from 3 to 2 on the first car I shipped. Again thanking you, I remain, Yours truly."

COMING BACK TO ALBERTA

C. R. Duckering writes from Lincolnshire, England:

"Many thanks for reply to my letter and the information you forwarded to me in regard to the Wheat Pool. I may say that I gave it to my brother and he is taking certain parts to the annual meeting of the Gainsboro Farmers' Union. The members seemed anxious to hear something about our Canadian Wheat Pool. I am returning to Alberta the latter part of April as I have bought another farm in the Marwayne district and hope in the near future to be able to haul some more wheat into the Pool. I am satisfied that it is the only way we can sell our wheat to the best advantage."

RIDING ON THE EAGLE'S BACK

A. E. Sorensen, of Chesholm, tells this story to illustrate the attitude of non-Pool farmers who may have on ocrasinns beaten the Pool price:

"All the birds under the heavens met to determine which one could fly to the greatest height, so the little humming bird got on the large eagle's back, hid himself in its feathers and they were off. Now the eagle went the highest of them all and the little humming bird had a ride to this height without any exertion, was fresh and able to go still higher, and he is still known to be boasting about it, just the same as the man who was maybe lucky enough to beat the Pool a cent or two."

THE CO-OPERATIVE CONTRACT

There is nothing obscure, deceptive or incriminating about the modern co-operative contract. It is simply a pledge, one farmer with another, that they will stick together through thick and thin and refuse to be alienated from their own organization by the temptations and snares of the opposition. If the co-operative contract does not bind the signer for the period specified it is not worth the paper it is written on. The only contract worth signing is the one that is iron clad and water tight, one that will hold the signer as well as everyone else who attach their signatures.—*The Farmer's Advocate.*

TO STUDY CO-OPERATIVES

California co-operative marketing associations will be studied first hand by the members of the American Institute of Co-operation, which meets in California this year for its fourth annual session. The institute, which is to last four weeks, will meet in Los Angeles on July 9th, and will spend the first week in a field survey of some of the largest and most successful agricultural marketing agencies in the State. This trip will bring the institute to Berkeley at the end of the week, where the last three weeks will be spent in lectures and study at the University of California.—*National News.*

DAYS OF MIRACLES PAST

Co-operation does not work miracles and it is foolish to expect that of any association unless it is considered that giving the farmer fair play is of the nature of miracles. Persistent co-operative marketing will bring a better average, by raising the general price level and economic independence can eventually be gained by perseverance in the co-operative marketing of farm products.

The height of folly is to expect to enter into a marketing agreement with your neighbors and then sit down and expect the gold to start rolling into your lap whether you live up to your agreement or not. You cannot plant potatoes and expect to harvest avocados, and you can't hope to get more than a good equitable price for farm merchandise from your co-operative efforts.—*Colorado Potato Grower.*

THINKS PRICE TOO MUCH

A despatch from the special correspondent of the *Toronto Globe* from Manchester England, states that the Canadian farmers now touring Great Britain and the Continent, found a tendency among the Britishers to rebel at the good price received by the Canadian Wheat Pool, and they blame (or credit, if you wish) the Wheat Pool for keeping up the price. At Manchester, the buyer of wheat for the great Co-operative Wholesale Society, which is the largest co-operative buying organization in the world and the biggest customer for Canadian wheat, is quite frank in his appeal to the Canadian farmer not to become prosperous at the expense of the British working man by sitting back and letting the Wheat Pool get such a big price for wheat when the

Hutchinson's Meetings

Pioneer's Meetings

Elevator Operations of the Western Canadian Pools

Railways, Old Age Pensions, Budget and Bill to Provide for Sterilization of Mental Defectives Debated by Assembly

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Bill to Stockade Land Debated in the Legislature

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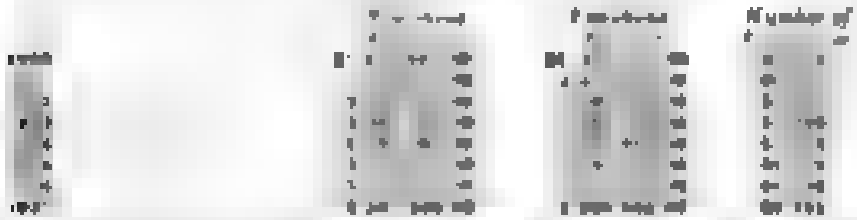
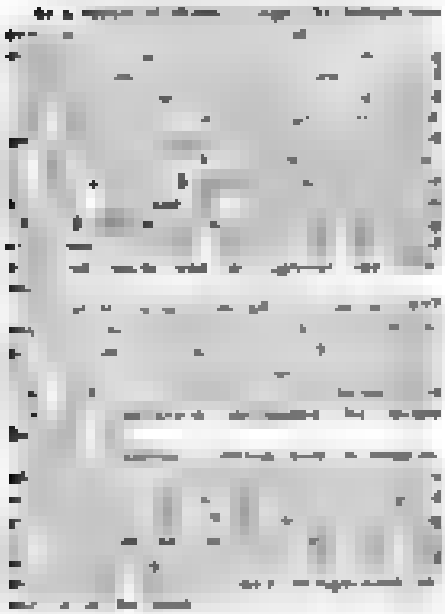
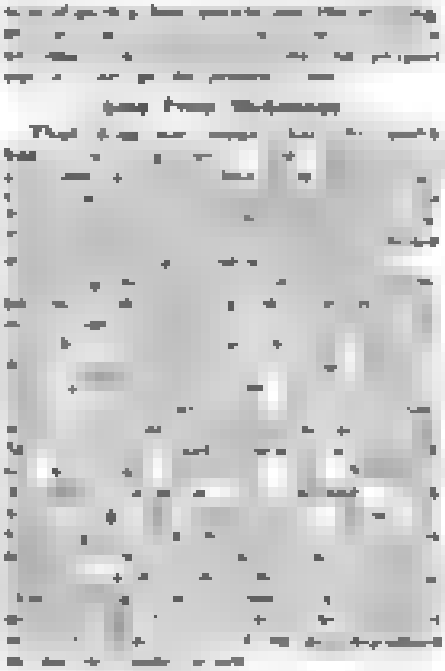
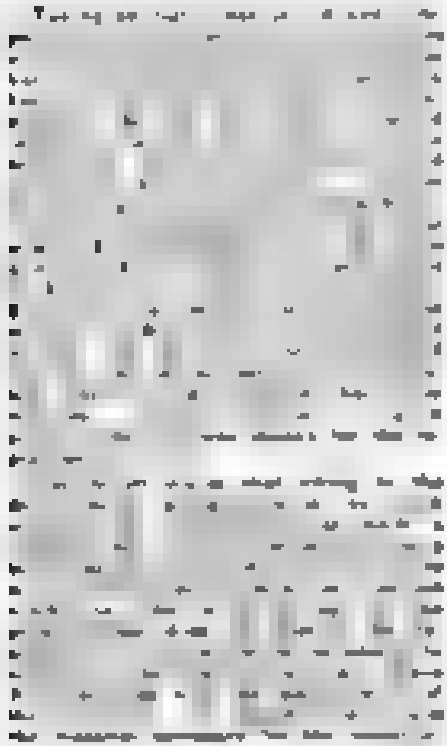
Healthy Condition of Telephone System Shown by Report of Dept.









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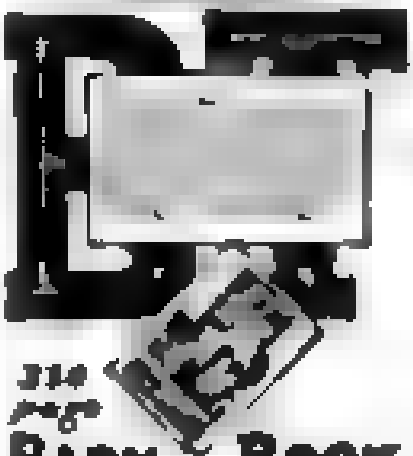

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Please send me [illegible] tickets for Grand Novelty Dance at Memorial Hall, Edmonton, Alberta, on Easter Monday, April 4th, and enclosing [illegible] for which please send me [illegible]

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Marmalade Steamed Pudding. 1 cup finely chopped suet, 1 cup whole sugar, 2 eggs, ½ cup buttermilk in which has been dissolved ½ teaspoon soda, ½ cup orange marmalade. Enough to make stiff batter. Steam 1 hour. Serve with hard sauce made of 2 tablespoons butter and 3 tablespoons white sugar beaten to a cream and flavored with lemon.

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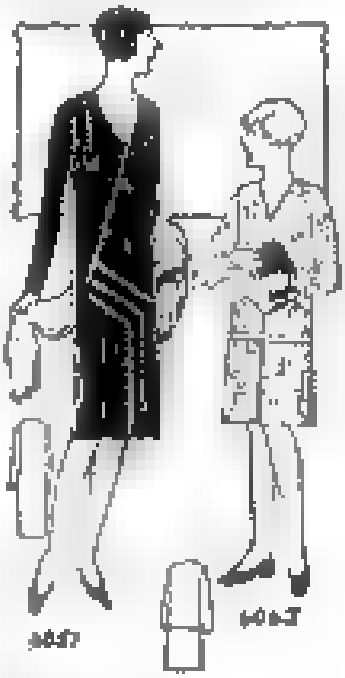

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Activities of the U.F.W.A.

RAISE FUNDS FOR LOCAL

Energetic U.F.W.A. Local cleared $18 by serving supper at a dance in January and also held a card party which added $5.75 to the funds.

AT BOW ISLAND

A letter from Mrs. A. C. Whitney, president of Bow Island U.F.W.A., states that the annual meeting was well attended, and that a program is being arranged for monthly meetings during the year.

OFFICERS OF SEAFIELD LOCAL

Mrs. H. A. Pirkon, Mrs. E. A. Mattie and Mrs. W. A. Watson are the officers of Seafield U.F.W.A. Local this year. In addition convenors are appointed on the various subjects in which the Local is interested.

OFFICERS WINONA LOCAL

Mrs. W. A. [illegible] and Mrs. V. [illegible] Clay were elected officers at the organization meeting of Winona U.F.W.A. Local. The fees will be the $2 for Central office local expenses to be raised by all dues collected for 1928.

BOOKS TURNED OVER

At a meeting held on February 10th it was decided, on motion of Mrs. McKenzie and Mrs. Adamson, that the books formerly belonging to the Lawn Hill U.F.W.A. Local be turned over to the new post Local.

START WHIST DRIVES

Halin U.F.W.A. Local has started a series of whist drives, with prizes for the best aggregate scored at the end of a series of three, writes Mrs. E. Jackson, secretary, adding: "We find this pays us better than dances."

TO HOLD DEBATE

Conversation reports were the chief feature at Willow Hollow U.F.W.A. Local at their meeting at the home of Mrs. F. Redgerd recently. It was decided to hold a debate at the March meeting, and to revive the question box formerly used by the Local.

HOLLODEY U.F.W.A. PLAN DANCE

Hollodey U.F.W.A. Local held their last meeting at the home of Mrs. L. Allen, when Mrs. R. Washburn was elected secretary for the year. Plans were made for a dance to be held in the near future. A reading by Mrs. J. F. Kingsley was much enjoyed.

"MATERNAL MORTALITY"

"Maternal Mortality in Canada" is the title of the report of an enquiry conducted by Dr. Helen MacMurchy, chief of the Bureau of Child Welfare, Federal Department of Health, into the maternal deaths occurring in the year ending July 1, 1926. It deals with the causes and with suggestions for the prevention of continued loss of life among Canadian mothers. This report, as well as the two editions of the Little Blue Books "Mother, for Women and for Men," can be obtained from the Department of Health, Ottawa.

WESTLOCK PLANS DRIVE

At their last meeting Westlock U.F.W.A. heard the report of Mrs. J. Edgson, delegate to the annual Convention.

Plans were made, either the secretary, Mrs. J. Wagner for numerous social events to help the U.F.A. Local pay for the new hall. The purchase of a piano is also under consideration. A dance for new members was decided upon.

OF AND COMING

Mrs. Katherine Gregory and Mrs. Tina Wagler are officers of Standard U.F.W.A. for this year, writer Mrs. Fern Wirt, corresponding secretary, adding: "This Local is up and coming, as shown by the interest with which the report of Mrs. Gregory, our delegate to the Annual Convention, was received." Plans were made at the last meeting for a dance to be held in the B. and S. Hall on March 15th.

CARSTAIRS U.F.W.A.

Community singing opened the last meeting of Carstairs U.F.W.A. Local, held in the Carstairs Hall. Mrs. McFall's reading, "The Warning" and two songs by Misses Nota and Alberta Beckner were enjoyed by all, and Mrs. J. H. Hutchison gave her report of the Annual Convention in a very able manner. Mrs. S. C. Kidds gave the reasons why one should belong to the U.F.W.A.

THREE HILLS ACTIVE

Officers of Three Hills U.F.W.A. Local are Mrs. Foster Boles, Mrs. Geo. Barker, Mrs. Wm. Burns and Mrs. W. Reynolds. In addition, Mrs. H. A. Wells acts as Legislative reporter. The last meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Sanderson, reports the secretary, when Mrs. Brandley reported on the Convention and Mrs. Burns gave a short address on the aims of the U.F.W.A. Two very successful whist drives have been held since the beginning of the year.

MRS. BROWN IS HOSTESS

Mrs. Robert Brown of Calgary was hostess to the Crescent U.F.W.A. Local in January when one of the most successful meetings of the Local was held. After the regular business of the meeting, Mrs. Wyman spoke of organization work and at the conclusion of her talk was given a very hearty vote of thanks. Mrs. Halpen of Shepard gave two very delightful vocal selections, after which dainty refreshments were served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. H. D. Carlyle and Miss Brown. Mrs. Hodgson was in charge of the entertainment.

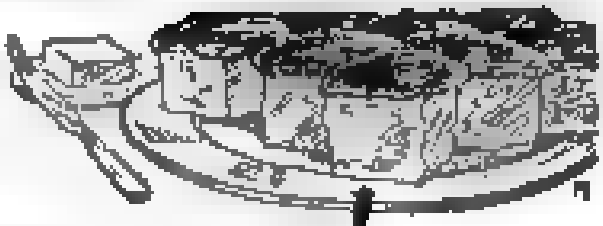
RAISED OVER $300

Watson U.F.W.A. organized in March last, had a very successful year, states the secretary, Mrs. F. J. Malloy. These ladies are buying a plot in the Wanger cemetery and held an apron sale which raised $53 for that purpose. A dance on February 3rd realized $96, during 1927 this Local of 14 members raised altogether $300.17 and have over a bank balance of $[illegible].

At the last meeting Mrs. R. J. Robinson, retiring president, was presented with a pair of candlesticks in appreciation of her services. Mrs. F. McIlwford is president for 1928.

PROGRAM FOR 1928

The directors of Turtleford Valley U.F.W.A. Local met recently at the home of Mrs. F. W. Walsh and drew up the program for 1928. At each meeting a social gift, of not more than 25 cents in value, will be drawn for. There will be roll calls on various topics and different members are appointed to prepare short



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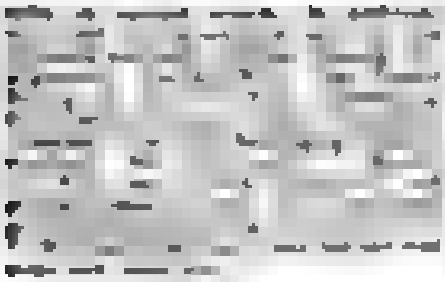
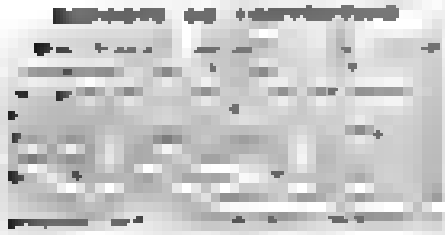
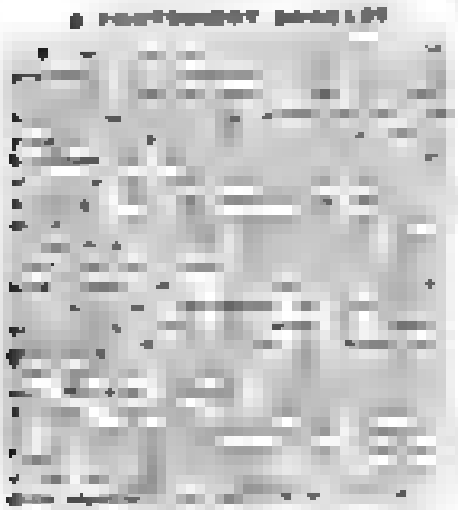
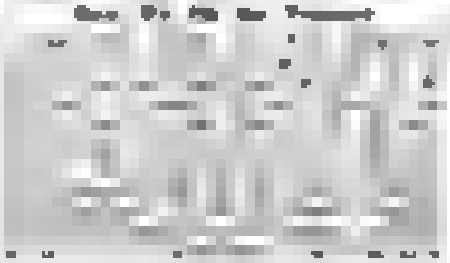
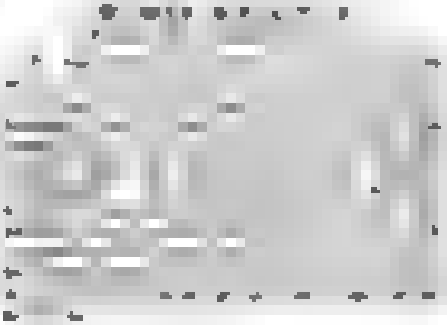






Many Interesting Activities of Every U F W A Local





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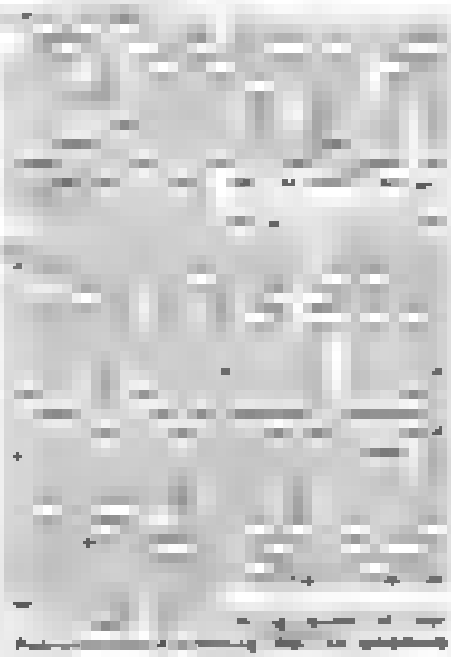
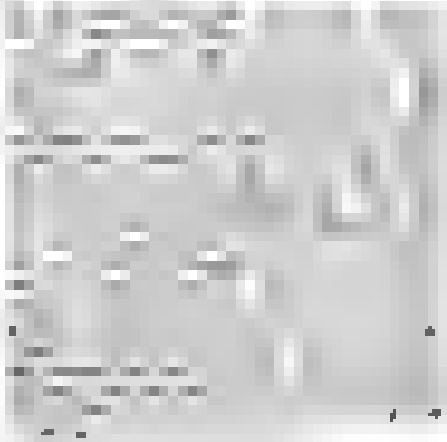




less fear of failure than if they had to learn every thing from Experience.

One of the lessons that our young people are learning now and which our farmers are being taught by Experience is the value of co-operation. You Juniors can learn that lesson now, but our parents in the past have had to wait to learn it. They had to wait until Experience, with many hard knocks, and kick finally made them understand it. Our organization is working for reform and we are finding out co-operation will bring about more reform in a year than has been brought about through all the centuries by revolution and bloodshed. When neighbors learn to co-operate, life becomes life in fact, rather and happier. When the people of a nation become co-operators, the nation prospers. When nations learn to co-operate, there will not be so much war and the higher ideals of life. There will be less of each other, and the greed of some are dominating men will cease to be working for the good of mankind and not for his destruction. Then will education have done its work. Education for a life in a socially and economically clean is what we Juniors of the U.F.A. are organized for, and I appeal to our members never to lose sight of the great objective of their organization.

Yours sincerely,

E. M. Hi... Junior Secretary.

SUCCESSFUL CONCERT

The Hillside Wide Awake Juniors held a very successful concert and Valentine Box Social on February 10th, clearing the sum of ... dollars. This local intends sending two delegates to the Junior Conference in June.

GIVE SURPRISE PARTY

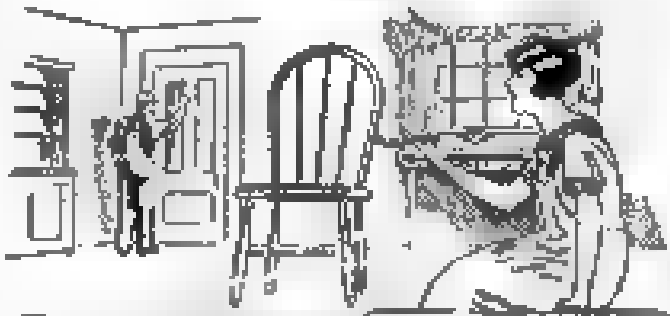
The Pedigree Juniors were joined by the Senior Locals of their district, in holding a surprise party in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Bushfield who were recently married. The young couple were presented with a bouquet of ... of silver. Mr. Jas. McLean, President of the Junior Local, making the presentation. Mrs. Bushfield is well known to many Juniors of ... having attended the Junior Congress at Olds and is also the Junior Director of E. & W. District.

THREE NEW LOCALS

We take great pleasure in reporting the organizing of three Junior Locals. In the District of Athabasca, organized by Mrs. A. Hocking with seven young people signing, by roll and now 13 names. Secretary, and Lewis ... President, with ... Juniors, while in the Brookbank District of ... President and Kenneth ... Secretary, and in the Junior Local at Kinsella, with a membership of about twenty, with Doris Strandberg Secretary and Burnet Purcell President. We wish these Locals every success.

CHANGE NAME TO "BURLINGTON"

The young people of the Tuxedo Local decided at their last meeting to change their name to Burlington, the name of the school attended by the members. We are an energetic ... Miss Doris Gallihan, with the promise of five more members. They are holding a Valentine Box Social and are planning on putting up ... and providing basket ball equipment for the school grounds. A delegate and visitor went to the U.F.A. Convention from this local.



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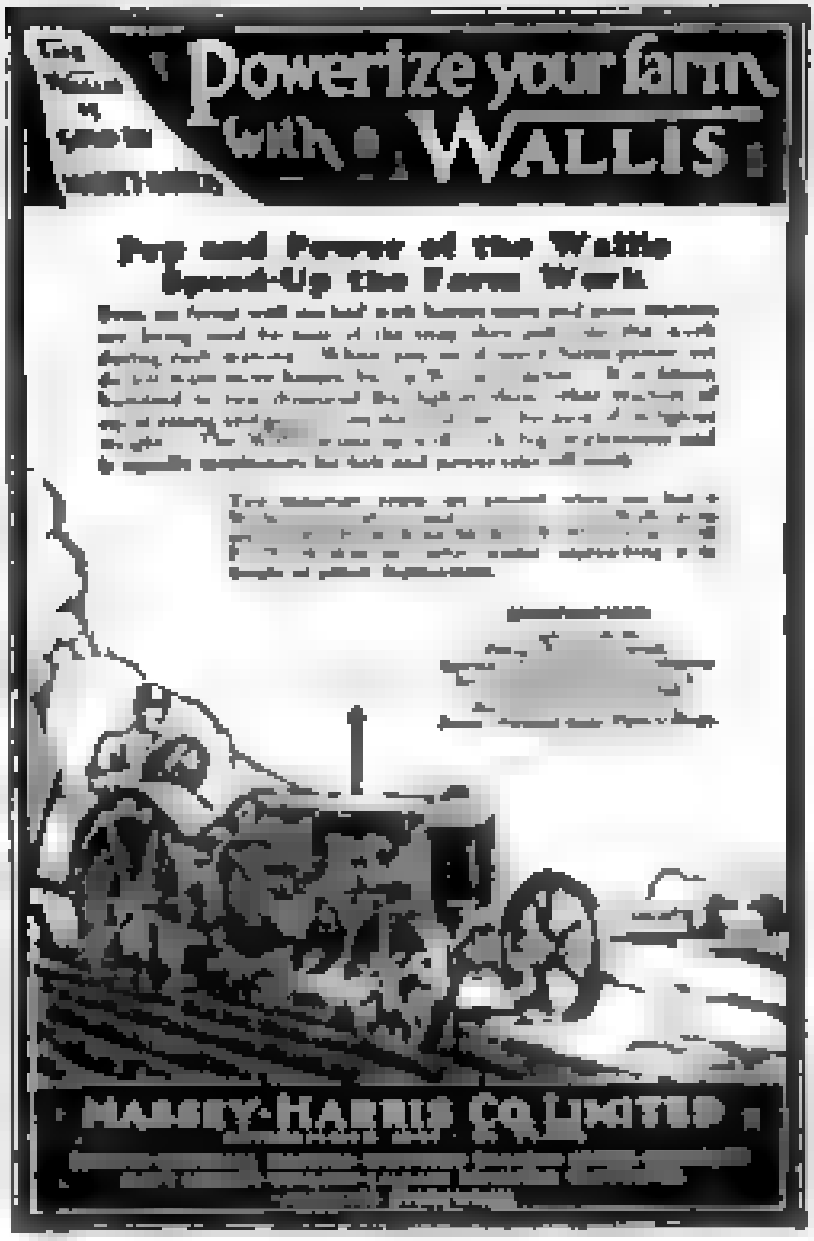

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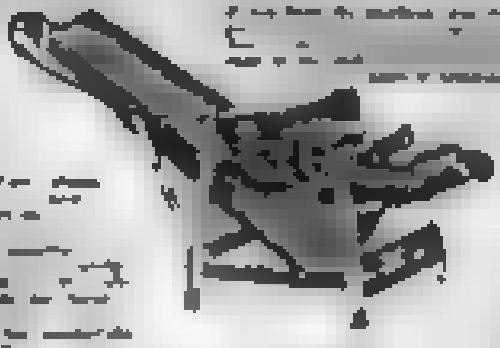

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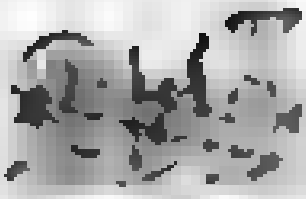

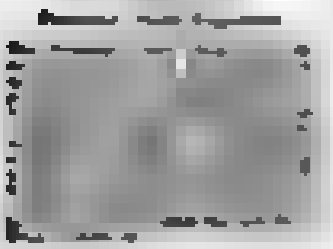

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$13.00. Under the heading, Dominion of Canada, there is an expected increase of $95,646.32, arising partly from increase in population grants, but chiefly from School Lands. It is estimated that Agriculture Department will furnish more revenue by $59,426.56 than in 1927. The chief items of increase in this Department are Fur Farm Licence, $26,000.00; Agricultural Schools Act, $13,400.00; Provincial Farms Revenue, $7,500.00; Livestock Encouragement Interest $8,200.00 and General $10,126.33.

"The Attorney General's Department is expected to be less by $ 2,491.35 and the Education Department increased by $ 1,388.84. Under the Executive Council there is an increase of $ 26,102.47, the Motor Owners Tax Act chiefly accounting for the increase.

"There is a small decrease under Legislation. In the Municipal Affairs Department there is an increase of $159,091.88, made up of increased collections under the Supplementary Revenue, Educational and Wild Lands Tax Acts. It is estimated that the Provincial Secretary's Department will contribute $100,035.10 more revenue than in 1927, the increase being accounted for chiefly by increased revenue from the Gasoline Tax, Vehicles and Public Highways Tax Acts and to a lesser degree by the Railway Mileage Tax, Corporations Tax, Theatre and Amusement Tax Act.

"I referred to the new policy of showing gross salaries instead of net salaries in the institutions administered by the Public Health Department. The difference is reflected in an increase of revenue in this Department and chiefly accounts for the amount of $100,071.70 over the actuals of 1927. The other contributing items are increased revenue from Travelling Clinics of $13,560 and a new item, Maintenance Fees from Provincial Special Hospital, amounting to $32,000.

"In Public Works there is an expected increase of $19,930.25 over 1927, due to great part as offset to the gross salaries shown in institutions under Public Health.

"The Treasury Department revenue will be less by $73,995.17, which may be attributed to fluctuation in miscellaneous items of revenue, but for the most part to a decrease in the profits of working funds which last year included the profits of several years.

"The summary of the revenue and Income Account for the fiscal period 1928-29 shows a grand total of $13,273,613.62 and the expenditure, $13,262,255.70, so that there will be a small surplus of $11,357.92. This result has been brought about only after careful revision and drastic pruning of the Estimates of expenditure as originally submitted.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE 1928-29

"The total Capital requirements for the fiscal year 1928-29 as shown in the estimates, amount to $7,834,999.37. There will also be other Capital items to be taken in account such as the discounts on bond flotations.

"On the Revenue side the ordinary Capital receipts will be $1,436,238.77. There will also be the payment on account of the Lacombe & Northeastern Railway of $1,800,000.00, and other smaller items, which I need not refer to in detail.

"The net requirements on Capital account are estimated at $5,598,000.00,

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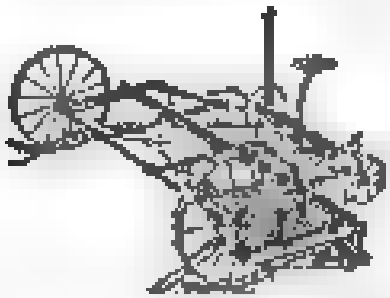

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Bruce Wheat Pool Local held its Annual Meeting in Bruce on the 15th inst., when a well attended and enthusiastic gathering received reports of the year's business and information regarding the operation of the Pool. A. Holmberg and Johnston Ferguson gave comprehensive reports on the last Pool convention, after which the meeting was addressed, on Pool matters in general, by P. Ennamaner, M.L.A., and A. G. Andrews, M.L.A. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted in the re-election of all of last year's officials.

HEATH WHEAT POOL LOCAL

Heath Local had the good fortune to have a visit recently from our delegate, H. Foreman, of Chauvin, and our director, Geo. Bennett, of Mannville. Mr. Foreman gave a report on the Annual Meeting of the Alberta Pool and also the special meeting of the delegates. Mr. Bennett addressed about 40 men at the Sligo meeting and about 25 or 30 at the Heath meeting. Great interest was displayed at all of these meetings and hearty votes of thanks tendered our visitors for their reports on Pool matters and for the way they answered any knotty questions.

ORGANIZE POOL LOCAL

E. H. Keith, Delegate G-9, assisted in organizing a Wheat Pool Local at Scenic Heights recently. A large number of members were present to hear the report of the last Annual Pool Meeting. After Mr. Keith had explained how a Local could help the Pool headquarters and members, those present organized a Local with E. Harvey, Wembley, as Secretary.

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